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Rev Amos A. Phelps-

Boston
Mass.

Single.

be better adapted to the situation - and give ~~more~~ entire
and hearty and perfect satisfaction than Amos A Phelps -
the abolitionist - I speak advisedly. -

I hope my dear Brother Phelps will hold him
self disengaged from any other Church Society - I consider
myself pretty well acquainted with the wants - situation
& condition of the Richmond Street Cong Church Society
& I know that we want just such a pastor as you are -
that our situation requires your experience and ability
and that our Condition demands it - Here also I speak
advisedly - More of this when I see you.

I have buried my little boy since you were
here. He was sick but three days - I left him well and
bright & playful when I went to N.Y. a few days since
and when I returned I found him past hope - past cure!
Poor little fellow his earthly troubles were soon over & he is
now in the hands of a god who will do right - It has been
a severe trial for us - & my wife has become so wearied
and depressed in spirit that it gives me pain to look upon
her pale & saddened countenance. - She mourns (not
trust as Rachel mourned) - for her feelings and hearts deep
affection were bound up in that darling child - Please
present our best respects to Mr P. & believe me

Yours Truly

J. Brown

dismissal - It is difficult for me to say what will be
Mr Torrey's course - I am upon the best terms with him and
was anxious to have him settle with us - but I must confess
that I do not think he has sustained himself so well
as I anticipated - I find that dea Cady & several of our
best members have advised Mr Torrey to leave - & their
impression is - that he will go - probably in the course
of one or two months - I think there is a possibility
of his staying his year out - which expires the first of
next March. I am very little accustomed to - or
acquainted with "clerical" settlements & dismissals - but
my plain candid opinion is - that if Mr Torrey should
continue to stay with us some six or eight months more,
~~that~~ he would not be then able to leave under half so fa-
vorable circumstances as he could now - But more of this
next week - when if I live I hope to be able to see
you in Boston -

Now then, - as you say sometimes - I have a
word to say upon the strength of the above statement - Mr
Torrey will leave - sooner or later - of that there is no
doubt - We shall want a minister - and I do not
hesitate to say that there is not a man in New
England who could unite all feelings, give more acceptance

John E. Brown
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Dear Mr Phelps

Your letter of the 6th was handed me yesterday.

Aside from the loss that the Anti Slavery Society will sustain in your relinquishing your agency, - I am glad to hear that you have concluded to resume your "clerical" office - & still more pleased to hear you express a desire to cast your "lines" amongst us. I find upon inquiry that the High Street Society have invited a young man from Oberlin to preach for them for four months. I forget his name - but understand he is tinctured in a strong degree with abolition fanaticism - I hope for the good of the Church he is called to preach for, that it is of a better and more enduring nature - than the specimens we have lately seen put forth - by Mess Fitch Towne & Co.

I have now a few words to say in confidence which I state on my own responsibility - I think that our Minister (that is Mr Torrey) will not remain much longer with us. There is a very strong impression among the Church & Society that he is not the proper person for the situation he occupies. - Within two weeks this feeling has shown itself so strong - that some of Mr Torrey's best friends have advised him to ask his